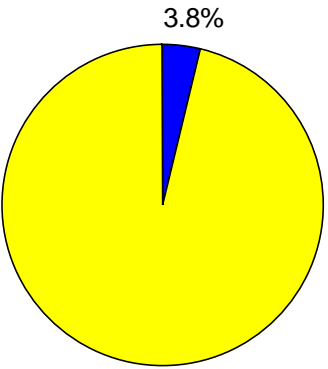


Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

81-05-Shelter Care

Fund/Agency: 001/81		Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Personnel Services	\$625,324	<p style="text-align: center;">CAPS Percentage of Agency Total</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">3.8%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">96.2%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">■ Shelter Care ■ All Other Agency CAPS</p>
Operating Expenses	\$24,484	
Recovered Costs	\$0	
Capital Equipment	\$0	
Total CAPS Cost:	\$649,808	
Federal Revenue	\$12,127	
State Revenue	\$364,598	
User Fee Revenue	\$0	
Other Revenue	\$12,570	
Total Revenue:	\$389,295	
Net CAPS Cost:	\$260,513	
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	12/12	

► CAPS Summary

The Less Secure Shelter Home (LSS) is a 12 bed coed, non-secure residential facility for pre-and post-disposition juveniles under the court's jurisdiction. The facility currently shares a physical plant with the secure detention facility. Teachers from Fairfax County Public Schools provide a year-round academic curriculum. The program continues to exceed its rated capacity of 12 juveniles. During the past four fiscal years the program has exceeded 100 percent utilization. There have been months when the program has averaged as many as 17 juveniles. This continued overcrowding can be attributed to several factors: the code changes relating to truancy, the Court's response to children in need of services, the lack of non-mandated funding from CSA, and the more critical need of temporary shelter for juveniles with diagnosed mental illness. The number of juveniles housed in the Less Secure facility with mental health issues creates an alarming concern because the program is not staffed or designed to adequately handle juveniles with mental illness. These juveniles are usually awaiting special placements or further diagnostic screening.

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During this current fiscal year the program continues to be overcrowded and we anticipate more severe overcrowding in the fall with the Court's more active enforcement of the truancy code. The agency has created a committee to address the overcrowding concerns at the Less Secure Shelter. One of the initial recommendations involves suspending the "Short-Term" Program (4 beds designed to treat youth for up to four months) for the immediate future in order to make those beds available for shelter care. The "Short-Term" Program was established in FY 1991 to provide an intermediate treatment component for those youth who did not require a yearlong residential program but who did require intensive, intermediate residential programming for approximately four months. Numerous long-term, costly residential placements have been averted by placing youths in the intermediate program and the "Short-Term" Program continues to be a needed program for the court's Probation Services Division. However, the need for shelter care for court-involved youth is critical.

Many youth who are placed in a Less Secure Shelter (LSS) have significant mental health problems. During the five days (February 23, March 31, June 2, July 15, and August 28) LSS staff profiled the residents and found that 50 percent of the youth in the facility had identified mental health concerns. They experienced depression, suicidal ideation, had a history of outpatient mental health treatment, had a history of psychiatric hospitalization, and were currently receiving one or more psychotropic medications. The FY 2002 budget did provide funds for 2 additional forensic psychologists to be assigned to the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) and LSS. This additional staff will increase the assessment and treatment capacity in these facilities.

In FY 2001, the County received \$500,000 reimbursement from the State for construction of the new facility in FY 2002. A study to look at the feasibility of building an additional shelter has been included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

► Method of Service Provision

Shelter care services are provided by Fairfax County staff. Youth are court ordered to the facility by juvenile court judges. The facility operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

► Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate	FY 2002 Estimate
Child Care Days Provided	5,248	5,022	4,626	4,930	4,390
Facility Utilization Rate	119.8%	114.7%	105.3%	112.2%	112.2%
Cost Per Child Care Day	\$98	\$103	\$101 est.	\$101	\$101

► Mandate Information

This CAPS is Federally or State mandated. The percentage of this CAPS' resources utilized to satisfy the mandate is 76 - 100%. The specific Federal or State code and a brief description of the code follows:

- Code of Virginia Section 16.1 - 235